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United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling chapter 36 of Agenda 21 on promoting education, public awareness and training, adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992,[1]

Appreciating the contribution made by the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development to the issue of education for sustainable development since the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

Welcoming the fact that the Plan of Implementation adopted at the World Summit on Sustainable Development held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 26 August to 4 September 2002, confirmed the importance of education for sustainable development and recommended that the General Assembly consider adopting a decade of education for sustainable development starting in 2005,

Emphasizing that education is an indispensable element for achieving sustainable development,

1. *Decides* to proclaim the ten-year period beginning on 1 January 2005 the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development;

2. *Designates* the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as the lead agency for the promotion of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and requests it to develop a draft international implementation scheme, clarifying its relationship with the existing educational

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex II.

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processes, including education for all, in consultation with the United Nations and other relevant international organizations, Governments, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders, with a view to providing guidance for Governments to incorporate concrete measures to promote education for sustainable development in their respective national educational plan;

3. *Invites* Governments to include the necessary concrete measures to implement the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development in their respective national educational plan by the year 2005, in accordance with the international implementation scheme to be prepared by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development".